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1. Saudi Arabia

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2. Rumania

Party boss Ceausescu's speech to the National Assembly yesterday was not the blockbuster rumor had predicted. He did, however, strongly reaffirm aspects of Rumania's foreign policy which run counter to Moscow's line, particularly on such issues as the Middle East and the Warsaw Pact.

The most interesting aspect of the performance was the presence, by invitation, of a correspondent from Radio Free Europe--an unprecedented event in Eastern Europe. Bucharest probably hopes this reporter will be able to get some objective publicity on the Assembly session through to Eastern Europe, where Bloc propagandists normally describe Rumanian policies as disruptive.

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3. Syria

We have a number of reports suggesting that Syria is planning to renew terrorist activities against Israel and is getting ready for guerrilla war. Some of the fire-eaters in Damascus are talking of a "Viet Cong type war." Presumably this would only be possible in that sector of Syria occupied by the Israelis.

Some of these reports may be Syrian-inspired, to build up the regime as leader of the die-hard Arabs. There is, however, some evidence that preparations actually are afoot. Both the Israelis and the Jordanians are taking the Syrian threat seriously.

There are also reports of Syrian moves to resume direct hostilities along the cease-fire line. We doubt Damascus has any such intentions, even though its forces were not as badly mauled as those of Egypt and Jordan. In any event the Israelis will be able to handle anything Syria throws at them.

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4. Nigeria

The federal amphibious task force has sailed from Lagos

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5. Soviet Union

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the Soviets are ready to resume testing of the Soyuz-1 type capsule, possibly this fall.

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